

Emergency meeting held between Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee on Wednesday 18th January 2011, in the Elders, Great Preston, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Parish Councillors Tetley, Wallace, Crossley, Webster and Liversidge. Also present was the Clerk.

Management Committee: Gwenne Cooke, Brian and Pauline Hemingway, Geoff Clarke, Geoff and Margaret Haigh, Pat Unwin.

Recent events relating to damage to the roof of the hall and subsequent repairs was discussed.

Cllr Tetley welcomed everyone to the meeting, then handed over to Cllr Liversidge, who explained what had happened during the past week.

The Loss Adjuster for the Insurance Company met at the Village Hall with Cllr Wallace, The Clerk and the builder who had done the repairs.

He inspected the areas where damage had occurred due to the theft of lead from those areas, then said that the Parish Council would hear from him.

He rang the Clerk two days later, confirming that he agreed with the cost of £14,200.00 from the Builder for repairs and stated that he would inform the Insurance Company and request that payment be made to the Parish Council.

Two hours later he rang the Clerk and stated that on contacting the Insurance Company he was informed that the Parish Council were not covered on their policy for theft unless there had been forced entry to the building, so were rejecting the claim.

The Clerk informed all Parish Councillors, then an emergency meeting was called to discuss the matter with the Management Committee, to see how the problem of payment for the work could be resolved.

In the meantime, the Clerk had met with Cllr Liversidge, who then inspected the Insurance policy and noticed areas which were not clear.

He contacted them, querying the matter and the outcome was that the policy does cover the claim made, so payment will be made.

Cllr Liversidge informed all present at the meeting that the situation has now been resolved successfully.

He was thanked for his hard work on behalf of the Parish Council in this matter.